

We are opposed to the proposed "broadcast flag." Let's not put control of content in commercial hands. The division between "professionals" and consumers is arbitrary and means that the future of media innovation is put firmly in the hands of large companies. Consumers will be held hostage to the slow-moving profit-motivated media companies. Consumers must be free to innovate.

The broadcast flag would interfere with consumers' ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices. The devices must all be certified by the media-producing cartel, which means that small third-party innovation will be stifled.